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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, the Examiner required the Applicant to restrict prosecution of the application to one of a perceived five different inventions set forth in the application. Specifically, the Office Action states that Applicant must choose one of the following inventions to prosecute in the above application:

Invention 1 – claims 1-12, drawn to a plug-socket connector, classified in class 439, subclass 246;

Invention 2 – claims 13-15, drawn to a securing device, classified in class 439, subclass 369;

Invention 3 – claims 16-18, drawn to an adapter, classified in class 439, subclass 236;

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Invention 4 – claims 19-25, drawn to a method of making a connector, classified in class 29; or,

Invention 5 – claims 26-28, drawn to an extension cord, classified in class 439, subclass 106.

In response to this requirement, Applicant elects the Examiner's identified Invention I, claims 1-12 for prosecution in this application. This election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the currently claims are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned in the event a telephone discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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